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Box: Patent Application

Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)
Appl. No. To be assigned; Filed: July 21, 2000
For: **Methods for Producing L-Amino Acids**
Inventors: O'Donohue *et al.*
Our Ref: 1533.1010002/SRL/CMB

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.
Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17) (in duplicate);
2. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05);
3. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

Methods for Producing L-Amino Acids

and naming as inventors:

Michael R. O'Donohue, and
Paul D. Hanke

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the application consisting of:

1. A specification containing:
 - i. 32 pages of description prior to the claims;
 - ii. 3 pages of claims (Claims 1-23);
 - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
 - iv. 3 sheets of Formal Drawings (Figures 1A, 1B, and 1C), approval of which is respectfully requested;
 - v. Paper copy of the Sequence Listing;
4. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) (in duplicate);
5. Statement Regarding Sequence Listing;
6. Computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing;
7. Information Disclosure Statement;
8. Form PTO-1449 (3 pages);
9. Copies of references AR1, AS1, AT1, AR2, AS2, AT2, AR3, AS3 and AT3;
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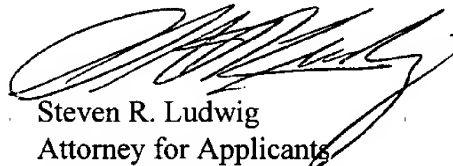
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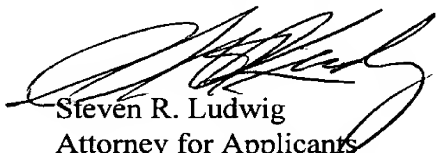
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Application Number	To be assigned
Filing Date	July 21, 2000
First Named Inventor	Michael R. O'Donohue
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107	480	207	240	Plant filing fee	
108	690	208	334	Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	
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119	300	219	150	Notice of Appeal	
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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No.	1533.1010002/SRL/CMb
First Inventor or Application Identifier	Michael R. O'Donohue
Title	Methods for Producing L-Amino Acids
Express Mail Label No.	

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☒ * Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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- Descriptive title of the Invention
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- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
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3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 3]
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b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed) [Note Box 5 below]
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The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

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